



State of California  
Department of Fish and Game



**ATTENTION**  
**California Recreational Anglers**

**February - April 2004 Ocean Salmon Sport Regulations**

(Regulations effective on May 1, 2004 will be decided by the Pacific Fishery Management Council in April)

**Seasons**

**Humbug Mtn (OR) to Horse Mtn:**

- ◆ Closed

**Horse Mountain to Point Arena:**

- ◆ Opens February 14, 2004
  - 2 salmon per day of any species except coho
  - minimum size limit: 24 inches (total length)

**Point Arena to Pigeon Point:**

- ◆ Opens April 17, 2004
  - 2 salmon per day of any species except coho
  - minimum size limit: 24 inches (total length)

**Pigeon Point to U.S.-Mexico Border:**

- ◆ Opens April 3, 2004
  - 2 salmon per day of any species except coho
  - minimum size limit: 24 inches (total length)



**General Sport Regulations**

- ◆ NO RETENTION OF COHO SALMON OR STEELHEAD TROUT IN ANY OCEAN RECREATIONAL FISHERY
- ◆ Salmon may only be taken by angling as defined in Section 1.05. No sinkers or weights exceeding 4 lbs may be used, except that a fishing line may be attached to a sinker or weight of any size if such sinker or weight is suspended by a separate line & the fishing line is released automatically by a mechanical device from the sinker or weight when any fish is hooked.
- ◆ North of Pt. Conception: No more than 2 single-point, single-shank barbless hooks shall be used & no more than 1 rod/angler when fishing for salmon or fishing from a boat with salmon on board.
- ◆ Horse Mt. to Pt. Conception: If fishing with bait and angling by any other means than TROLLING<sup>1</sup>, no more than two (2) single-point, single-shank barbless circle hooks<sup>2</sup> shall be used. The distance between the two hooks must not exceed five (5) inches when measured from the top of the eye of the top hook to the inner base of the curve of the lower hook and both hooks must be permanently tied in place (hard tied).  
**NOTE:** These special gear restrictions apply to each angler fishing for salmon or fishing from any boat or floating device with salmon on board.

1. *TROLLING is defined as angling from a boat or floating device that is making way by means of a source of power, other than drifting by means of the prevailing water current or weather conditions.*
2. *A CIRCLE HOOK is defined as a hook with a generally circular shape and a point which turns inwards, pointing directly to the shank at a 90-degree angle.*

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